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Herald of Holiness

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THERE WAS A TERRIBLE STORM ON THE SEA. THE howling, raging tempest was full-blown. The little ship seemed doomed to sink. The disciples were panic-stricken. Christ was asleep. They awakened Him with the cry of desperate men, "Lord, save us: we perish." He arose and rebuked the storm, and there was a great

Serenity Versus Stupidity

General Superintendent Powers

And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him, and, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Matt. 8:23-26

calm. He also rebuked their lack of faith and calmed their anxious fears.

The scene changes to the Garden of Gethsemane. The son of Man is being betrayed. Awful, eternal issues are at stake. The salvation of countless generations is being bitterly contested. Christ lies on His face in an agony of sweat and blood. Terrible waves of temptation are about to sweep over the disciples. The Master had faithfully warned them that this was a time to watch and pray—but they were asleep. The tragedy was consummated. Christ was crucified. The little band of discouraged, defeated disciples was scattered.

What a contrast! Christ asleep in a storm—the disciples asleep in Gethsemane! One marks the serenity of faith, while the other illustrates the stupidity of unbelief. A lack of faith leaves men with eyes that are spiritually sightless and with ears to hear but which register no message of assurance from the example of Christ's serenity, asleep "while the winds blow." They are spiritually stupid, the victims of their selfish fears about the passing, temporal, and relatively unimportant things of life.

It is amazing that these same men, excited and fearful in the storm, could sleep in Gethsemane while "just a stone's throw away" Christ fought His lonely battle for the lost souls of men. What a heart-sickening confusion of values from which to suffer! It was due to a lack of faith, and that lack of faith was due to their failure to watch and pray. May God help us all to watch and pray, lest we also enter into the same temptation.

LATE NEWS

"May I express, through the HERALD, my most sincere thanks to all who have shared my grief in the recent illness and death of my devoted companion of the years, Lela B. Davis. Your many telegrams and letters, the many floral tributes to her memory, and above all, your many sincere prayers have brought much comfort in this my dark hour. I thank each of my five general superintendents for his message of sympathy; and Dr. Samuel Young, who officiated at the funeral on March 10. To all the general officers of the church, to the district superintendents, to fellow ministers throughout the denomination, and to a host of friends among the laity, I owe a lasting debt of gratitude. May the memory of Mrs. Davis' fragrant, devoted life be an incentive to all her friends to press on in the holy war until death is swallowed up in victory and mortality is lost in life! "Grace reigns through Christ Jesus."—Leo C. Davis, Superintendent of Southwest Indiana District.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Davis, of Milltown, Indiana, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 17. In 1909 they united with the Church of the Nazarene in Des Arc, Missouri; Mr. Davis was ordained by Dr. P. F. Bresee in 1914, and Mrs. Davis was ordained by Dr. J. W. Goodwin in 1925. After spending thirty-six years in the active ministry they retired in 1949. They are members of the Milltown church, which was constructed during their pastorate some years ago. They have two children: a son, Lowell B., of Columbus, Indiana; and a daughter, Mrs. Ralph Ahlemann, of Lexington, Kentucky. Due to the recent illness of Mr. Davis, they will observe the anniversary occasion quietly at their home.

NEEDED AT ONCE—for the mission fields: unused 1955 V.B.S. materials as follows: Kindergarten (Beginner) teachers' manuals and pupils' books; Nursery teacher's manual and three-year-old Activity Packet. Please send as soon as possible to: Director of Vacation Bible Schools, 6401 The Pasco, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock (Rev. 3:20).

Spiritual life in this church was so low that we discover Christ standing outside and knocking for admittance. —EARLE F. WILDE.

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God with Us

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

*By the warming winter sunshine,
By the cool of summer shade,
I know that God remembers
The beings He has made.*

*By the wonder that is living,
By the miracle of birth,
I know that He is with us
As when He made the earth.*

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"Herald" Campaigns

Many of our districts are now in HERALD campaigns for subscriptions. Others will be in the months ahead. Nobody will know until eternity the persons that have been reached, the lives that have been redeemed, the hearts that have been cleansed, and the souls that have been made ready for heaven because someone handed them copies of the HERALD OF HOLINESS or sent them a year's subscription. The application is so obvious as to be almost unnecessary: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters" (Isa. 32:20).

We appreciate the unselfish efforts of all who are engaged in HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns during these summer months. During the season when much activity is curtailed it is heartening to note that several district drives are being promoted with vigor and relentless determination.

We encourage these districts to keep up the good work. The enemy of souls never takes a vacation. Evil forces and influences continue unabated through summer's heat and winter's chill. Let those of us who labor in the Master's vineyard be diligent.

We admonish all who are engaged in HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign promotion to do so in the name of our Lord with an eye single to His glory. This is not a man-made project for material gain or glory. All that we do for souls and for God is laying up treasures in heaven.



May God bless everyone who takes part in a district HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign.

ART CROY, Manager
Subscription Department

A MATTER OF PRIORITY

*Whatever has first consideration in our thinking and our living
will determine our attitude toward everything else.*

WHEN JESUS INSISTED THAT WE ARE TO SEEK *FIRST* THE KINGDOM of God, He was stating a fact of life, for whatever has priority in our lives has all of us. That which comes in for first consideration becomes the base from which all other factors in our living come into focus. That is why Jesus was so concerned that the *right* thing be at the center, that the circumference may include the right things.

This is an essential matter in our whole tradition. The Ten Commandments insist in the first commandment, and imply in all the others, that God is first, that He must be *number one*. As Trueblood suggests, if God is not One, then there may well be a dozen; it is the *priority* that matters. So it has been throughout the writings of the law, the poetry, and the prophecies.

Whatever has first consideration in our thinking and our living will determine our attitude toward everything else. All other matters must find a subordinate place to this primary attitude. Our affections and our wills are involved, and we direct them in keeping with the first concern.

Suppose the primary concern of one's life is his job; then all else must contribute to the success of that job. Time is of small significance if spent on the job; home may well be sacrificed; friends and loved ones may be shunted into the background. All personal desires are subordinated to the one end—the job. Or it could be home, children, and ambition, or just mere pleasure. Whatever it is that may have this center in our lives, that will necessarily determine all else.

Our definition of sin and evil, of good and right, of salvation and destruction, may well be determined by that which becomes our idol; for whatever is first automatically becomes our god, and to it we submit all else. As a normal consequence, whatever influences our attitudes will likewise influence our relationships in life. As Dr. R. T. Williams developed the theme so well in one of his books, our attitudes usually determine our relationships to God, to our fellow men, to things, and within ourselves.

All the problems involved in the business of living find interpretation here. When the *wrong* thing is at the center, then everything else goes wrong too. The psychiatrist's couch is kept warm by the flow of patients whose primary problem is one of wrong things being at the center of their lives. The problems of a major percentage of patients, according to one doctor, are caused by frus-

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If you were absent from church on Easter Sunday, you can still give your "plus" offering for world evangelism. Send your check TODAY!

tration and boredom. Another has stated it as being caused by an unresolved sense of guilt. In either instance, the basic cause is largely contributory. When the wrong thing is at the center, all our attitudes and relationships become fouled up, with a feeling of boredom and frustration inevitably following. There is no purpose in life, with a weariness at the emptiness that the twenty-four hours hold—all because no motivation worthy of the dignity of the human creature has been found.

Man must make a major or supreme commitment to something or Someone if life is to come out with the right totals. It can become a serious disturbance to the inner man when one awakes to the deadening fact that that to which he has given his all has failed him in the strategic areas of life and need. Too often drink, dope, or suicide becomes the last word.

Because Jesus knew that what lay at the heart of a man's existence was so infinitely important, He insisted, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." When God's will and purpose become primary, then all our attitudes and relationships find their proper place. Only then do we properly evaluate life and material things for what they are. And only so can we find peace at the heart of our own personal universe. The split atom is nothing new to the frustrated person who suddenly awakens to the fact that he has wasted his life by serving the wrong god. But only those know the power of an integrated life who have learned the secret of a full commitment to Jesus and His kingdom!

If God's kingdom is to be *first*, then there must be a *complete* commitment—not only Jesus pardoning our guilt, but also Jesus possessing our entire beings. There must be the forgiveness of all sins, *and* there must be a complete possession by Jesus in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then our definitions of right and wrong, of salvation and destruction, of purpose and being find their true meaning. Then life becomes an expanding universe within us, and without. Then all other loyalties find their proper places and make their intended contributions.

Psychologists and psychiatrists have some big words to say the same thing, but taken all together, it still comes out the same: "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God. . . ."

"Revival Through . . . ?"

By Helen R. Sullivan

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FACING THE WINDOW ABOVE THE KITCHEN sink (where many of my hours are occupied) is a garage window across which some former occupant of our parsonage stored a large sign advertising the dates of a revival series. The two words visible that have constantly attracted my attention since they first provoked a curious interest are "Revival Through . . ."

Although I've never learned the missing dates, mentally I have filled the blank with a succession of possible completions, such as: "Revival through *prayer*," "Revival through *faith*," "Revival through the *Holy Spirit*," until the words keep flashing upon my inward eye and ringing in my ears unceasingly.

At New Year's time a godly sister added this phrase to a message to the pastor: "May we see our church revived in 1956." We have adopted this as our motto for the coming year. Now as I look at that sign in the window, the question presses upon me, Is your faith great enough to fill the date in that blank and make it read in affirmation, "Revival through 1956"? "Revival through 1956, in the local church and throughout our church worldwide"? Yes, I believe, by God's help it is!

Today, suddenly, surprisingly, startlingly, another word appeared in that blank space—the little word *me*. Revival through the prayer and lasting of the saints, of course! Revival through the ministry of a God-anointed evangelist, certainly! But, revival through *me*? It seems unbelievable that I should be the one to stand in the gap. And yet can it be that *this* is the completion of the phrase that the Lord has been wanting to prepare me for? I have heard of revivals past and present that have been sparked by one obscure individual who prevailed with God.

Praise the Lord, since the new year began I have experienced a revival *in* me, of love for His Word and the place of prayer, of faith and zeal for His work. I want it to be more than the "little reviving" that Ezra testified to: I want "a great revival in my soul" that will be a step to "revival *through* me."

Yes, Lord, I accept the challenge. Through *me*, because *Christ* liveth in me, and His Holy Spirit has control. *Through me*, in prayer and fasting, witnessing and working, asking and believing, in one accord with the great multitude whose hearts too are crying out: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years."

Perhaps as you read this testimony, God is flashing before the window of *your* soul a sign that says, "Revival through *you*." Will *you* consecrate yourself as a channel through whom God may revive His work?

THINK



on these things!

By EVANGELIST F. LINCICOME

Gary, Indiana

THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT STAND out very prominently in the Bible, namely, God's calls and man's refusals. God calls to a variety of things: a call to safety, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark"; a call to reason, "Come now, and let us reason together"; a call to rest, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"; a call to separation, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate"; and a call to holiness, "God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness." Thus we have a call to safety, to reason, to rest, to separation, and to holiness.

It is the call to holiness that I want you to think with me about. Holiness is God's standard, and it is significant to note that God lifted His standard at the beginning of each of the four world epochs. The first one was introduced by Adam, the second by Noah, the third by Abraham, and the fourth by the Lord Jesus: so each epoch had a good start in that it was started by a perfect man.

What is holiness? "Holiness is the human heart emptied of sin and filled with the love of God, nothing more nor nothing less." Holiness is a trinity consisting of three things, namely, theory, experience, and practice. Theory is to be believed by the intellect, experience to be enjoyed by the sensibilities, and the practice to be lived by the will. Theoretical holiness has to do with the head and the head only; experiential holiness has to do with the heart; and practical holiness has to do with the hand. Hence, religion is a trilogy. It starts in at a man's head, works its way down through the heart, and works itself out through a man's hands.

We have been called to holiness because we need it. We need it in order to measure up to God's standard of teaching. It is a Bible teaching. The word holy occurs 500 times, the word perfection 120 times, and the word sanctification 130 times. In the New Testament alone there are 16 commands to be holy, and 18 inspired prayers that we might be made holy.

Notwithstanding all of this, we find people who say they don't take any stock in holiness. Whether he be a layman or a preacher, you can be sure of one thing—holiness hasn't taken any stock in him. Yet that same person will sit in the pew and sing lustily and heartily that old hymn that is brimful of holiness from the first word to the last:

*Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want Thee forever to live in my soul.
Break down ev'ry idol, cast out ev'ry foe.*

Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Those who do not believe in holiness ought to sing that song this way:

*Lord Jesus, I long to be partially whole;
I want Thee occasionally to live in my soul.
Break down a few of the idols, cast out a few of the foes.*

Wash me and I shall be whiter than a few days ago.

We need holiness to measure up to God's standard of experience. Holiness must be an experience, else God would not have commanded us sixteen times in the New Testament alone to be holy.

We cannot be practically what we are not experientially; we cannot be outwardly what we are not inwardly. Jesus taught us that when He said, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." What is He teaching us here? Just one thing, and that is—a holy heart is essential to a holy life. So if you are to walk with God practically you will have to walk with God experientially. Walking with God experientially will result in a closer walk with God practically, because "the more perfect the character, the more perfect the conduct."

Holiness is also God's standard of practice. Holiness is ethical as well as doctrinal. One could be doctrinally straight and at the same time be ethically crooked. Christianity must of necessity be practical before it can benefit either God or man. We are not falling down in doctrine, but I fear we are in practice. The church is strong enough in doctrine to save the world but weak enough in practice to become its laughingstock.

By MAUD V. MEEK
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LITTLE IS MUCH *if* GOD IS IN IT!

SO MUCH OF LIFE IS MADE up of little things. Big events hinge on little decisions. Great happenings are the result of being faithful in the little things. We do not know what might be the outcome of attending to the little things in our daily lives. When we speak just a word in season to him that is weary, we do not know how much that little word meant to someone who was in need of comfort. Sometimes these little things look so small and insignificant, but who knows the value of something done in His name but God? Is not the promise, "A little one shall become a thousand," still for God's people today?

There was the little maid who worked in the household of Naaman. When the opportune time came, she was ready to speak just a little word about the man of God, the prophet, who would tell Naaman what he should do in order to be healed.

Then there was the little lad with the two small fishes and the five barley loaves which were used to feed the multitude. In his hand there was only enough for his own lunch; but when he brought what he had to Jesus, it was multiplied and there was enough for all, with some left over.

The Lord used a little ass, "a colt the foal of an ass," when the crucial time came for Him to ride into Jerusalem. If He had need of the donkey, surely He has need of us and the little things that concern our daily living.

It was just a little rod that Moses used to confound the Egyptians, but that little rod became much when God used it. What untold blessings might unfold if what we have in our hands were turned over to Him!

It was only the jawbone of an ass in the hands of Samson; but with the power of God at his disposal, he was enabled to slay a thousand Philistines with it.

When Saul called David to go up against Goliath, he rehearsed how he had been delivered from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear. David had no weapons but his slingshot and some little stones. Saul wanted to gird him with his armor, but David refused to wear it because he had not proved it, but he knew what his little stones could do with God behind him. How true it is, "God

hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty: and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence" (I Cor. 1:27-29)!

Again, there is the cup of cold water given in the Master's name to one of these little ones that shall in no wise lose its reward. It is the little kindnesses that we do, the smile we give to a needy one, the little acts of helpfulness along life's way that are of much value in proving a blessing to those around us.

*Little deeds of kindness,
Little deeds of love,
Help to make earth happy
Like the heaven above.*

Many of us are only one-talent men, just ordinary people who have not much to give. But let us remember there are many little things we can do that will help much in lifting a burden or being a help to someone. When the Lord can trust us in the little things, then perhaps new opportunities may open up for us. We read, "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10.) Hath He not promised that one of you shall "chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight" (Deut. 32:30)?

Someone has said that "even the sweeping of the broom, if done to the glory of God, shall bring its own reward." So, if we bring Him what we have, looking unto Jesus, He will bless and multiply it manyfold. Remember, however, there is no reward unless the work is done according to His plan through the Holy Spirit. There are many "little foxes, that spoil the vines," but also we know that "little is much when God is in it."

A PETITION:

*Dear, kind Heavenly Father, protect our family,
Be near each one as on life's road they trod . . .
All through the night and through the coming day
Guide weary feet on homeward paths—dear
God!*

By Edna Hamilton

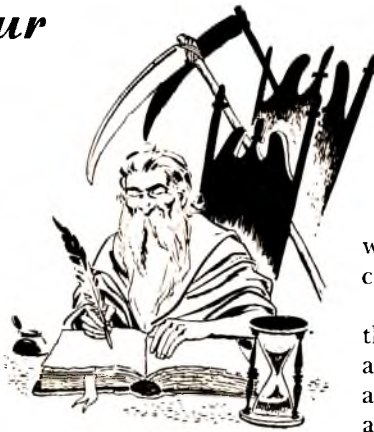
Remembering Our "Golden Agers"

FOR A YEAR NOW I HAVE MADE PASTORAL calls each week on these good people, but they will not come to our Sunday school, church services, revivals, or rallies. There is no hope of getting them to our altars, nor will they ever become members of our church, or pay their tithes. The returns on the investment are negligible but I keep calling—and they keep staying away.

Honesty prompts me to confess that my first visit to the "old folks' home" was to organize an extension class to boost our Sunday-school attendance for statistics' sake. I simply picked out one of the half-dozen homes for the aged in our community and explained my purpose to the manager, who, of course, was delighted at the prospects. And so was I—until that first painful visit. It seemed that all the hopeless hospital cases in our area were there: the lame, blind, deaf, and dying—all old. A few were in good physical and mental health. Many were eager to learn the purpose of my coming. When I told them I would be back, some of them said, "No, you will not come back. They never do!"

But I have been going back now for about a year, and the pain has been transformed into pleasure for me. At times I almost forget I am doing it for statistics' sake—rather, I find myself doing it for Jesus' sake, for my sake, for their sake. It would thrill you to watch them hang on to the words of Jesus, or brush away a tear. A blind lady lifts her radiant face and sightless eyes heavenward during prayer. A wonderful little man who has no vocal cords always points to a passage in his Bible that he wants to hear read. A heavy man of intense suffering always requested me to pray the very moment I approached his bed. He went to heaven a few weeks ago, as have a half-dozen or more who have professed to give their hearts to God.

These senior citizens of our modern society are a part of a vast forgotten army of nearly fourteen million, according to a statement in a recent issue of the *Congressional Record*. And this over-65 group is growing at the rate of almost one-half million annually, thanks to advances in modern medicines, public health, and nutrition. Since the turn of the century our population has doubled, while our old-age population is four times as great,



with the percentage increasing constantly.

Seven million of these older Americans are no longer classified as heads of families and two million of

them live alone, unloved, unwanted, and forgotten in many cases. They may be found in rented rooms, in apartments, in homes for the aged, and in other institutions. A doctor in one of the six sprawling asylums for the feeble-minded in our state told me a few weeks ago he hardly had room to care for the people who needed his attention, because the institutions were overcrowded with old people who did not need their facilities at all but were committed by ungrateful children who did not want to be bothered with aging mothers and dads.

Does the Church have a responsibility to these "parents emeritus" who were separated from their sweethearts by the first world war, who were seeking their fortunes and raising their families in the roaring twenties, who were losing their sons and grandsons in the fighting forties and fifties? Are we spending all our time and money on our eager teen-agers and money-making middle-agers, and forgetting these "golden agers" who bend a feeble ear to hear some word of hope in their sunset hours?

The church can do some of these things:

1. Enlarge the Home Department visitation staff.
2. See that they get the church bulletins, the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Come Ye Apart*, and other suitable literature.
3. Teach the Sunday-school lesson, read the Scriptures, and pray with them regularly.
4. Take tape or wire recordings of the services to them occasionally and let them listen in.
5. Send the youth groups out to sing under their windows more often than on Christmas Eve.
6. Offer them transportation to the church services on special occasions.
7. Offer them the services of the pastor any time he is needed.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

what the Bible
teaches about

HELL

By **R. E. ZOLLINHOFFER**
Pastor, Royersford, Pennsylvania

THREE GREEK WORDS FROM THE ORIGINAL Greek manuscripts have been replaced by one English word in the King James Version. That word is hell. The three Greek words are: *Gehenna*, *Tartaros*, and *Hades*.

Gehenna, sometimes spelled *Geenna*, is translated "hell" in the New Testament, and it means the name or place of everlasting punishment.

Tartaros is also translated "hell" in the New Testament, and it means to incarcerate (imprison) in eternal torment.

Hades is the third word translated "hell," and it means place of departed souls, the grave being one of the places.

There are some religious teachers who would have us believe that everywhere the word hell is used in the Bible it means the grave. This teaching is false doctrine. Let us beware!

Using the Greek dictionary, *Strong's Concordance*, the *Interlinear Greek English Bible*, and the King James Version, we find where and how these words are used.

In the following scriptures the Greek word *Gehenna*, meaning place of everlasting punishment, is used. Jesus, speaking in Mark 9:43, 45, and 47, said it was better to "enter into life maimed," without an eye, a hand, or a foot, than to keep an offending member and enter into hell (*Gehenna*). Also, see Matt. 5:22, 29-30; 10:28;

and 18:9; and Jas. 3:6. In nearly every case where the word *Gehenna* is used it is followed by the word fire. This would teach us that everlasting punishment is by fire.

Tartaros, meaning eternal torment, is used only once in the New Testament. This is recorded in II Pet. 2:4. But if this were the only scripture in the whole Bible teaching us of the eternal torment of the wicked it would be enough.

Hades, meaning the place of departed souls and the grave, is used in the following scriptures: Matt. 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; and Acts 2:27, 31. And, wherever the word hell is found in Revelation it is from the word *Hades*. There is one place where Jesus used it in Luke's Gospel, "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (16:23). Here Jesus used the word *Hades*; but He said that the man was in torments. This would weaken even the argument that wherever the word *Hades* is used it means the grave. It could mean the grave, the place of everlasting punishment, or the imprisonment in eternal torment; all three of these are the places of departed souls—*Hades*.

Gehenna is a place prepared for the devil and his angels. Man elects to go there over the protest of the Holy Ghost, who has come to convict men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. I do not want to spend eternity in *Gehenna*, *Tartaros*, or *Hades*. Thanks be to God, there is a way of escape through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

*The world awakes, and in the sun's soft brightness
The winding sheets of winter flee away,
And we forget how lately we were prisoned
By austere winter's chains so chill and gray.
The silver catkins sun on willow branches;
Pink fairy blossoms deck the apple trees;
And we can smile, recalling only faintly
How winter raged before sweet April's breeze.*

*So when released at last from earthly bondage
Of pain and parting, and the toilsome years,
We gain the safety of our Father's homeland,
And wipe away the last of mortal tears,
Assured the raging storms and howling tempests
Are all behind, and we have reached the goal,
We'll know the secret of eternal springtime—
The glorious resurrection of the soul!*

Springtime

By **KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**



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APRIL 30 closes the fiscal year for the Church of the Nazarene. All monies sent in before that date are included in our giving for the quadrennium 1952-55. Will you check with your church treasurer and suggest that all money received for the Easter Offering be sent so as to arrive at the general treasurer's office not later than April 30? Thank You.

—General Stewardship Committee



"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isa. 60:1).

The story is told of a little church on a lonely hillside which was equipped with neither fuel nor lamps, and yet where on the darkest of nights divine services were held. Each worshiper, even if coming from a distant village, brought with him a taper and lit it from the one supplied and carried by the minister of the little church. The people always thronged the building and the scene was said to be "most brilliant!"

Each one of our lives is but a little taper—lighted from the life of Jesus Christ; yet if we carry His flame we shall help to brighten this great world, where there is so much sin and human need.

Within the scope of forty-eight years, we Nazarenes have received the glorious light of God. What a privilege now it is for us to help send the light of the gospel to those who sit in darkness! The Easter Offering provides for us a most effective means by which multiplied thousands may be given a chance to light their tapers. Let us not fail to do our part in spreading the light!

Al Ramquist

NEWS in PICTURE



HOUSE EMPLOYEES SUBSCRIBE 100 PER CENT TO the "Herald" during district campaign. Jim Spruill, pressman and recently returned veteran, turns in his to M. A. "Bud" Lunn, making it 100 per cent. A total of 576 subscriptions were secured from 200 employees.

Oh, for a **Passion for Souls!**

PASSION FOR SOULS GIVES A KEEN EDGE to mental culture. In its absence, mental culture is dull and, like a woodsman with a dull ax, one bruises more than cuts away.

Passion causes the workman to cry: "Give me Scotland or I die!"

Passion causes love for honor, position, popularity, wealth, to fade as flowers in the desert sun.

Passion lifts one to the plane where he can say, His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light."

Passion in the heart of the soul winner means he is in the state where "nothing shall offend" him.

Passion wrenches the soul until it cries out, "Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people."

Oh, for a passionate passion for souls!

Oh, for a pity that yearns!

Oh, for a love that loves unto death!

Oh, for a fire that burns!

Oh, for a power in prayer that prevails,

That pours itself out for the lost,

Victorious prayer in the Saviour's name.

Oh, for a Pentecost!

By Oscar Hudson

Retired Nazarene Elder, Pasadena, California

A Pull over the Hill

By **RAYMOND C. KRATZER**

Pastor, First Church, Nampa, Idaho

THE OTHER DAY ON MY JOURNEY TO Walla Walla from Nampa, Idaho, I entered the Blue Mountains with a small amount of snow coming down, leaving the highway a bit slushy. Ahead of me was a yellow pickup truck, which I passed with a burst of speed, since it was not traveling as rapidly as I desired to go. However, the deeper I got into the mountains, the more the snow began to fall, until I was driving between high walls of glistening white with an ermine carpet beneath my wheels.

All went well until the grade began to steepen and my powerful Dodge with 150 H.P. began to lose its forward motion. With wheels slipping and car heading for the side of the road, with chagrin I looked through the rear-view mirror and saw the little yellow pickup getting closer and closer. By the time I was securely stuck in the snowbank, the driver of this small truck pulled around me and stopped. With words of wisdom he said: "You'll never make it over the top without some help." And I was quite aware of that by this time!

With courtesy and assurance, he hooked a small chain on to my car and said: "You get in, and when I get to rolling you can put your car in gear and help a little." I replied: "Do you mean that you can pull me up that hill from a dead start without any help from my engine?" He assured me this was true. And, to my amazement, that little pickup with its chains and super-power, hoisted my heavy car right out of the snowbank and up the hill for about five miles.

As I sat in my car following along, my heart became blessed as I meditated upon the goodness of God in this situation, for I had just breathed a prayer for help over the hill. However, my thoughts turned to the many spiritual battles in life that had come my way; hills that were steep to climb, and times when I was stuck in a maze of confusion. And right when I needed help the most, there was God, ready to hook on with His almighty power and pull me over the top of the difficulty.

Many a person has lived thoughtlessly and carelessly, feeling a certain adequacy in driv-

There is
Someone
who can . . .



TURN ON THE LIGHTS

By **KATHERINE BEVIS**

Houston, Texas

IT WAS ST. AUGUSTINE WHO SAID, "Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of faith is to see what we believe." There will be many times when our road is not clear, and there will be those times when we shall meet with problems and challenges that will make us want to give up and quit. But remember, the road always turns—the tide changes—the cycles vary—there is a solution for every problem. There's always someone to turn on the lights!

The story is told of a group of people who were visiting the famous Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Among those who were taking in all the fascinating wonders of the phenomenal labyrinth of nature's gigantic underground cathedral were a little girl and her even younger brother.

Reaching the deepest part of the caverns,

it was customary for the guide to turn off the lights for a moment's meditation and silence. Amid the pitch-black darkness and quietness of the cavern, the visitors in the group that day received a moral lift when they clearly heard the devoted sister urgently whisper to her small brother, who had become frightened in the darkness and was crying while he clung tightly to his sister: "Don't cry, Bobby, don't be afraid. There's someone here with us who knows where the lights are and he can turn them on."

Looking about us today, we see too much darkness in the world. But with all the dark despair, with all the disappointments and heartaches, let us keep constantly this thought in our minds: There is always *Someone* who knows where the lights are and He can turn them on at the exact moment—and He will never be one moment late with His light!

ing life's highway. He may have passed up the church, the prayer closet, or God's way of life. But down the road, sooner or later, there will be hills too steep to climb with the power one has on board. There will be slippery places too treacherous to traverse without proper traction. There will be a desperate need of outside help. But, if one will but look up in his despair, he will find God with power to spare from on high. He will hook on to your load, and as you commit your all to Him, by an amazing demonstration of power you will begin to progress toward the attainment of happiness and peace. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

When my kind benefactor had pulled my car to the hilltop, he stopped and unhooked my car, and with careful instructions, he said: "Now I think you can make it from here on. Take it easy and don't go over twenty miles an hour down the hill. And remember that, if you happen to get stuck again, I'll be right behind you all the way to dry pavement."

My heart is blessed while thinking about the situation. God does not leave us when He pulls us over some difficult situation in life. If we love Him and obey His instructions, we may with confidence traverse life's highway. If Satan puts blocks in our way, God is right behind us like a "rear guard" to see us through. If we will but let Him, He will pull us through every situation in life. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

Believing Faith

(Acts 16:25-26)

By FRANCIS B. ERICKSON

*At midnight they sang, though their wounds
were raw,*

*And hope for release seemed vain;
They praised their God—not for what they
saw—*

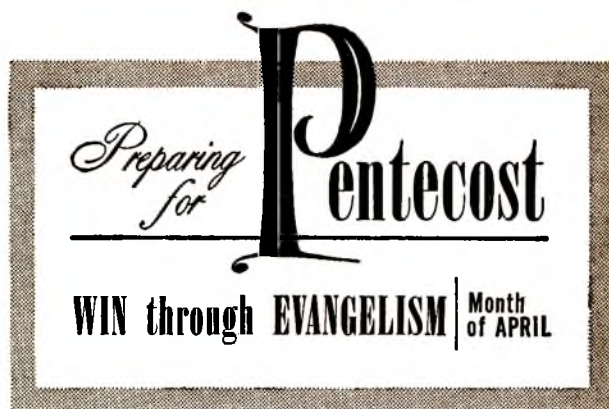
But for joy in the midst of pain!

*The heart of God was so touched by their
faith.*

*He reached down His almighty hand,
And shook the earth 'til the prison doors
Flew open at His command!*

*And thus shall you find deliverance, too,
If you sing in your darkest hour;
And the wound that bleeds in the heart of you
Shall be healed by His tender power . . .
If you praise the Lord—not for what you can
see—*

But for God's assurance of victory!



Easter and Evangelism

By Evangelist C. William Fisher

How Natural!—*That a CRUSADE should follow a CELEBRATION. That the compelling impact of evangelism's "go" should be deepened and enriched by the glow of the Easter glory.*

How Appropriate!—*That the church should remind us that the evangelistic opportunities of the Easter season are not exhausted by a rally or by an offering, and that Easter is more than a celebration; it is a challenge—a challenge to an evangelism of ever-deepening devotion, of ever-increasing intensity, and of ever-expanding dimensions.*

How Urgent!—*That increased sentiment FOR Christ result in more effective ways of winning men TO Christ. That Easter impressions be immediately deepened and enriched by evangelistic expressions. That every Sunday-school teacher and every church board member and every preacher and every layman dedicate these days following Easter to that central and continuing challenge of every Christian and of every church—that of urgently and lovingly and persistently exposing the lost to the redemptive power of the resurrected Christ!*

Social Security for Ministers

Just a Reminder:

April 15 is the LAST DATE on which a minister may have his 1955 income covered under Social Security and thereby obtain the best and earliest coverage.

If our office can be of service, write us.

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Keys to the Acts of the Apostles

7. The Key Event

SOMEONE HAS RIGHTLY SAID that the four most important events in the Acts of the Apostles are Pentecost, Saul's conversion, the beginning of the foreign missionary enterprise, and the council at Jerusalem. Pentecost is named first and, of course, holds the foremost place. However, since all of these discussions on the "Keys to the Acts of the Apostles" are built around Pentecost, I am going to pass it by and deal with Paul's conversion as the key event. The beginning of the foreign missionary enterprise and the council at Jerusalem cannot overshadow it.

Paul's conversion was an *ethical* event; we must absolutely turn down any suggestion that it was merely, or chiefly, physical. It was not a sunstroke, as some unbelievers used to tell us, and neither was it an attack of epilepsy. It was not primarily any kind of physical sickness. It was something which happened in Paul's consciousness, a psychical experience with ethical significance; his will was involved, as well as his intellect and feelings. It was a mountain-peak experience which the inner man had.

In the second place, this event was *genuine*. It was not illusory; neither was Paul having a hallucination; he was not being fooled nor deceived. He did not just think that something was happening to him on the inside. By no means was he hypnotized, or having a hypnotic spell. He was in his right mind all the way through this event. Nothing proves this better than the actual account:

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Paul had a vision on the road to Damascus; it had an external cause, and was accompanied by some objective circumstances, but it did not stop there. It was a vision, an inner experience as genuine as was Peter's on the housetop when the sheet was let down, or Isaiah's when he saw the Lord "high and lifted up." The shipwreck experience which came to Paul years later was no more real than this experience.

Third, this experience of Paul on the road to Damascus was *religious*. It wasn't a sudden inspiration, or intuition, caused by some happening in nature, or the presence of a friend or some finite

person of this world. It was, let me say again, a religious experience. If Paul were here today, he would be the first to agree with me in what I have said. In fact, in giving an account of it at one time he said, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." He often referred to this experience in the years which followed, and he always stated or implied that God had something to do with what happened on the road to Damascus.

Fourth, this key event—Paul's conversion—was *supernatural*. Paul's religion up to this time had been the religion of his fathers, a legal and ceremonial affair—a religion which theoretically was

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connected with the supernatural, but actually, for him, was not a supernatural religion. He never before had met God face to face and felt His transforming power.

Fifth, this key event was *sudden, cataclysmic, instantaneous*. In fact, the story here says: "And suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Notice this, "he fell to the earth," and the conversation between him and Christ took place at once. Quickly Paul said, "What wilt thou have me to do?" and immediately the Lord gave him his orders: "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." The Author of this experience on the road to Damascus was Christ, not Paul. It was Paul's conversion, but it was Christ who did the work, and who did it at once. From this time on, Paul was a man of one Person, and that Person was Jesus Christ. He said, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Sixth, this experience of Paul's was also *radical*. He never went back to see the high priest from whom he had obtained letters to take with him to Damascus. He never arrested any Christians and brought them back bound to Jerusalem. He never retraced his steps in that way at all; he went right on to Damascus to do the bidding of that One whom he had met so suddenly.

Surely no man who has been converted ever had a more radical change in his heart and life than Saul. Certainly, he could no longer be called Saul; from then on he was Paul—a different man with a different purpose and hope. He had been giving his all to root out and destroy Christianity:

but now he was ready to give his utmost in order to help the despised followers of Christ make Christianity a world religion. What a change!

I am not ready to say that before this experience on the road to Damascus nothing had happened to Saul to get his attention or to begin to move him from within. No one can tell for sure what was going on in his subconscious or conscious mind then. He doesn't reveal those secrets to us. Neither am I here to say that Paul, even after this radical change, didn't need the time he spent in Arabia in order to get his proper bearing toward this new experience which had taken possession

STEPHEN S. WHITE

of him. No, I would not deny what went before or what might have followed this revolutionary change; but I still hold that, giving all the reasonable credit one can to these before- and after-experiences, he cannot deny that what took place in Paul's heart on the road to Damascus was revolutionary. It was as if a man's face had been lifted so that his closest friends hardly recognized him afterward. Paul's soul was lifted by divine power and so renewed and transformed that it was difficult even for the Christians themselves sometimes to believe that Saul had become Paul. The change had been too radical for them to comprehend it at once. The arch-persecutor of Christianity had become the arch-propagator of Christianity. Such a transformation is unbelievable and unexplainable apart from the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Last, Paul's conversion was *permanent*. Paul never returned to his old life. From then on, he carried high the banner of Prince Immanuel. No doubt he made his mistakes, as any finite being will, but he never forsook his Lord, the One he met on the road to Damascus.

God, give us more conversions like that of Saul of Tarsus! There are no events which are so much needed as those of this character. And, in this connection, we must remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is still in the business of meeting people and transforming their lives, and sending them out to live, not just a day, week, month, or year, but across the years, for Him. When the Apostle Paul came to the end of the way, he said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for

me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:7-8).

This Is My Perspective

SOMEONE HAS WELL SAID THAT ONLY God has an impartial mind. He alone has omniscience and is thus able to see anything from every viewpoint. This means that men look at life from a certain point of view, perspective, or frame of reference. In accordance with this, I ask you the question, "What is your point of view, or perspective?" From what angle do you look at life and reality? In asking such a question, I cannot, of course, get the answer now. You are not here in my office to explain to me what your perspective, or viewpoint, is. Since this is the case, I'll explain my frame of reference to you.

Insofar as I can do it, I look at everything within the Christian frame of reference. In other words, I see everything through Christ, or in relation to Christ. I might even go a step further and say that my perspective is Nazarene. I have chosen to accept the interpretation of Christianity which the Church of the Nazarene has given. I did not, or do not, have to go this way; I have taken this stand because I wanted to. Thus far I am delightfully satisfied with my perspective. In no sense am I inclined to criticize those who may disagree with me. Certainly I do not claim that the point of view from which I look at life is the only point of view that anyone could possibly take. There are other Christian churches whose perspective would be almost identical with that of the Church of the Nazarene; they view Christianity largely as we view it. There are churches other than these which, while they differ some from us, would not differ a great deal on the fundamentals of Christianity. They believe in an authoritative Bible, a personal God, the Trinity, Christ and His deity, an objective atonement, and salvation by faith.

I am delighted that I live in a free world and that I am in a country where I am not forced to think what I do. On the other hand, I am very happy indeed that I have found a viewpoint from which to live my life that is so satisfactory that I do not feel any desire to make a change. I now stake everything that I am and everything that I ever expect to be upon what I might call "the Nazarene interpretation of Christianity." I feel wonderfully safe in the decision which I have made. Neither the General Rules nor the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene cramp me: rather, they enable me to live a life of freedom and joyousness, a life for which I can praise God from the depths of my heart.

The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER
GALLOWAY



Topic for
April 15:

Courage for Christian Witnessing

SCRIPTURE: Acts 3-5 (Printed: Acts 4:13-20, 29-31)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word* (Acts 4:29)

FORTUNATELY FOR THE CHRISTIAN Church, something happened to Peter between the first time he faced the high priest, Annas, and the second time; otherwise, Christianity would have been stopped in its tracks. The first time Peter faced the high priest was when Jesus was on trial and the servant girl put Peter "on the spot," as he stood warming himself by the fire in the courtyard. That time Peter backed down and even denied with an oath that he knew Jesus.

The second time the high priest himself threatened Peter and John and forbade them to speak any more in the name of Jesus—but something had happened in the meantime. Peter had been to the Upper Room. There had been a lot of heart searching and praying during that ten-day period preceding Pentecost. The Holy Ghost had come, not only in a cloven tongue of fire that sat upon him, but in a cleansing fire that had burned out his man-fearing spirit. It was a new Peter who faced the Sanhedrin that day—a sanctified Peter.

Peter had courage before Pentecost—a sort of brute courage. It took a lot of "nerve" to step out of a boat and onto the violent waves of Galilee. It took courage to strike a blow in the defense of Jesus when Peter was the only man who carried a sword, and a company of soldiers had Jesus under arrest. Brute courage may stem from anger, or obstinacy, or even stupidity. There is very little place for it in the spiritual realm. The kind of courage that Christians need is moral courage—unwavering devotion to truth and right.

The Church has enemies. It faces the same world that nailed Jesus to the cross. Every clear, convincing testimony is a challenge to the devil, and a challenge to his control over the lives of men. A testimony to holiness is especially a challenge to him. In the early

days of the Church he tried to stop its onward march by imprisonments and threats by the authorities. It took courage for these Christians to face persecution.

In the early days of the holiness movement, which gave rise to the Church of the Nazarene, there was a great deal of reproach attached to the teaching and preaching of a second work of grace. It still takes courage to maintain an uncompromising stand, and to testify at work and at school, and when you are talking to your unsaved neighbor. However, God will give courage if we pray for it. Evidently Peter still

needed divine reinforcement after Pentecost, for with the other disciples he prayed: "Now, Lord, behold their threatenings; and grant unto thy servants, . . . boldness." The results: "The place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." We could stand a few more prayer meetings like that in our day!

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	Last Year	February	Percentage
Northwest Zone			
Alaska	549	605	110
South Dakota	847	905	107
Rocky Mountain	2,463	2,545	103
Northwest	7,010	7,237	103
Oregon Pacific	7,253	7,471	103
North Dakota	1,737	1,716	99
Minnesota	2,192	2,162	99
Idaho-Oregon	6,179	6,031	98
Nevada-Utah	893	864	97
District not reporting: Washington Pacific			
Central Zone			
Iowa	6,437	6,919	107
Northeastern Indiana	9,697	10,171	105
Eastern Michigan	8,431	8,765	104
Wisconsin	2,328	2,400	103
Chicago Central	5,494	5,634	103
Indianapolis	8,916	9,122	102
Central Ohio	13,336	13,570	102
Western Ohio	14,380	14,632	102
Southwest Indiana	9,359	9,338	100
Missouri	7,628	7,586	99
Michigan	8,347	8,287	99
Illinois	8,788	8,551	97
Northwest Indiana	5,499	5,204	95
District not reporting: Northwestern Illinois			
Southeast Zone			
Florida	7,069	7,758	110
Georgia	5,596	5,949	106
North Carolina	3,670	3,892	106
Eastern Kentucky	5,463	5,717	105
West Virginia	10,773	11,216	104
Virginia	3,144	3,253	103
East Tennessee	5,712	5,883	103
Alabama	7,486	7,671	102
South Carolina	4,748	4,828	102
Mississippi	2,875	2,760	96
Kentucky	5,682	5,243	92
District not reporting: Tennessee			
Eastern Zone			
Akron	11,366	11,547	102
Washington-Philadelphia	10,467	10,465	100

	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Albany	3,369	3,305	98
Pittsburgh	8,535	8,298	97
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> New England, New York			
Canadian Zone			
Canada Pacific	1,055	1,156	110
Canada Central	1,887	1,906	101
Canada West	4,228	4,190	99
Maritime	1,087	987	91
Southern Zone			
Nebraska	2,728	3,037	111
South Arkansas	3,948	4,143	105
Dallas	5,046	5,246	104
Louisiana	4,054	4,196	104
Houston	3,582	3,705	103
Kansas City	9,258	9,525	103
North Arkansas	3,656	3,737	102
Abilene	5,687	5,805	102
San Antonio	3,679	3,639	99
Northwest Oklahoma	5,989	5,890	98
Kansas	7,962	7,817	98
Northeast Oklahoma	3,961	3,874	98
Southeast Oklahoma	3,955	3,823	97
Southwest Oklahoma	6,277	5,712	91
Southwest Zone			
Hawaii	519	611	118
Arizona	3,683	4,036	110
Northern California	14,748	15,904	108
Colorado	6,334	6,728	106
New Mexico	3,126	3,261	104
Southern California	11,161	11,333	102
<i>District not reporting:</i> Los Angeles			
Miscellaneous			
North American Indian	1,018	1,041	102
<i>District not reporting:</i> Australia			
<i>Estimated Average for February, 1956</i>			395,967
<i>Increase over last year's average</i>			6,456
<i>Percentage of increase</i>			1.7

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*
Department of Church Schools



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Overseas Leaders Available for Services

A NUMBER OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS, pastors, and other leaders of our overseas home-mission districts will be in the United States this spring for the General Assembly. They will be available for services, in most cases both before and after the General Assembly. Many churches will want to have them for services, to bring missionary inspiration and news of these areas directly to our people. This is particularly significant in the Pacific areas, since these areas are the subject of our missionary study for the 1956-57 year. We are listing below some of those who will be here soon or are already in the United States. If you are interested in having them for a service in your church, please write to the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri, at

once, as we are helping them plan their itineraries.

Rev. A. A. E. Berg, district superintendent of Australia. Brother Berg will be arriving at Vancouver, Canada, on April 23, and has a little time available before the General Assembly. He has more open time following the General Assembly and prior to his leaving from San Francisco, August 3.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor and son, Paul. Dr. Taylor is president of Nazarene Bible College in Australia. At the time this announcement was prepared, we did not have final word on their method of transportation. However, they have some time available in May on the West Coast. Early in June they will be heading for the General Assembly from Portland, Oregon, and will have Mr. J. H. Redfearn, lay delegate from Australia, with them. They could take services in the Idaho-Oregon, Rocky Mountain, Nebraska, Kansas, and adjoining districts. After the General

Assembly, they may be secured for services through July and August, particularly in Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

Rev. W. D. Pinch, pastor from Australia. Brother Pinch was our first missionary to the aborigines in Australia and now is pastor of one of our churches in Brisbane. He is a delegate to the General Assembly. He will be available for services throughout the West in May and June. We do not have definite information if Mrs. Pinch will be with him.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Griffith and daughter, Connie. Brother Griffith is superintendent of our work in New Zealand. Mrs. Griffith and daughter will be on the East Coast of the United States in May. Throughout July the Griffiths will be traveling west from Kansas City.

Rev. Charles H. Strickland, district superintendent of South Africa (European) district. The Stricklands are in the United States for a year of furlough. Brother Strickland is available for district tours and missionary conventions.

Month of Evangelism

THE MONTH OF APRIL, BEGINNING with Easter Sunday, has been designated as a month for evangelism throughout the church. Many times there seems to be a general letdown after Easter is over, but how fine it would be if every church would make this month a time of following through on the contacts the church has made during the pre-Easter season and on Easter Sunday! In some churches there will be a revival campaign during April, so that the contacting of these visitors will help to bring them into the services and perhaps find them won to the Lord. It is not necessary, however, to have a revival meeting in order to have evangelism. The co-operation of every Sunday-school teacher and class and of every Nazarene will make the regular services of the church more fruitful in evangelism throughout April.

Those who cannot help in the visitation program of the church can join in prayer. The prayer groups of the church can be given a greater emphasis, with the prayer directed towards results in evangelism. There is no substitute for prayer in bringing a revival spirit and revival results to a church. One midweek service will not suffice for all the prayer needed to carry on the Lord's work in the church. Beginning the Easter-to-Pentecost season with an emphasis on evangelism will help us to build for a great service on Pentecost Sunday, and wherever possible our churches can plan for the reception of new members on May 20, Pentecost Sunday, in commemoration of the first great membership class taken into the New Testament Church.



Foreign Missions

Important Notice

Miss Neva Lane, one of our veteran missionaries, who spent thirty-four years in service in Guatemala and Peru, passed away March 13, 1956, from a heart attack. Miss Lane retired from active service November 1, 1955, and was visiting relatives in Stanford, Nebraska. Funeral services were at Stanford, March 18, 1956.

God Is Blessing in Uruguay

By RONALD DENTON

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS WE ended four campaigns in the churches. The workers were Francisco Fiorenza and his wife from Buenos Aires. The Lord undertook and gave us many souls. We are expecting members out of these newly converted groups.

The first week of January we had our first holiness convention for all the churches. It was a blessing to see the new believers sanctified under the preaching of Brother Fiorenza.

We had a few days, then, to prepare for our youth camps. As a stroke of faith we planned two camps, one week for the eight-to-eleven-year-olds, and a second for those who were twelve or over. I believed God would help us and He did. On a beautiful hill overlooking the blue river Plate we held our second Nazarene camp in Uruguay. We were only a few miles from where the Atlantic Ocean begins.

Brother Perkinson served as camp director, with the missionary staff and nationals as counselors. The first week we had forty-five campers, including the staff. The second week we had forty-two. Since there were a few repeaters in the second week, the total was seventy-six different campers for the two weeks. Praise the Lord!

Brother Fiorenza was the campfire speaker and his ministry was a blessing to the work. Souls were saved, sanctified, and called to full-time work.

We arrived back home last Saturday, and Wednesday started the vacation Bible schools. I am expecting an average of 175 students in the 4 churches. We have one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Our Uruguayan Nazarenes gave \$50.35 for the Thanksgiving Offering. We feel that a great victory has been won, as our people have gotten started on two annual world missionary offerings.

To a New Station

By ERIC COURTNEY SMITH
Union of South Africa

THESE PAST WEEKS HAVE BEEN busy ones, as we were the special speakers at the Naboomspruit camp

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

meeting. God gave us a wonderful time and many souls sought the Lord. It was our privilege to baptize twelve candidates, and it was a real pleasure to hear their testimonies and see their shining faces.

Two days later we left for Stegi for the Bible Conference. While we were there we had heavy rains and some of the roads were impassable. Because of this we brought some of the students who had graduated, back to Carolina and then took them on to the eastern Transvaal, as they were unable to get home by the usual route through Komatipoort.

A few days later Brother Esselstyn asked if we would help get the evangelists and their wives from the Reef down to the Bible Conference at Arthurseat. A day or so before we were to leave, there were very heavy rains and almost all the roads around here were impassable. It looked as though we would not be able to get through, but God wonderfully undertook for us; and although the roads were bad and two bridges between here and Johannesburg were washed away, we were able to make a detour and reached Johannesburg safely. On the way to Acornhoek other bridges were washed right out, and one place which had been filled in temporarily was washed away again within an hour or so after we had passed through it.

We had a wonderful time of blessing at the Arthurseat conference. Brother Steigleder was the special speaker and God used him as a source of great blessing to us all.



LAURISTON J. DU BOIS

Secretary

The Essence of Godliness

WHAT IS GOD MOST LIKE? IT IS hard for us as humans to know for sure. Sometimes when we see God's handiwork in nature we think He would be most like a great construction engineer. Other times we think of Him as a Judge. Again we might think of Him as a good Father. But always we feel that in these roles we are not seeing God at His best; we get only a limited vision of Him.

I like to think that Paul caught the truth of it in the climax of his exhortation to Timothy; the time he gave to him the six great and indispensable principles of Christian living, the last of which was, "Be thou an example of the believers, in . . . purity." God is holy, and in a real sense this is the most inclusive term to describe Him. When we catch a glimpse of His holiness we see Him as He is; and we see Him more nearly in His entirety.

This holiness, translated in terms of human life, is best described as purity; for the human heart, unclean from the beginning of life, finds holiness only after it has been cleansed and made pure. Purity is holiness made real in human experience. The pure life is human life at its best.

This is a polluted world. It has been so from the time of man's fall into sin.

Every level of life must constantly fight against disease, decay, and impurity. Pollution of water or food means sickness and death. Pollution of the soil means diseased and impoverished crops. Pollution in a plant or tree means decay and rot. These we fight with all there is of us; and the more nearly we achieve perfection in our attempt to drive out pollution, the more advanced our progress, we say. But this battle against impurity is going on in the human life and human mind and human spirit also. This is the most important of all.

The source of the worst and the most far-reaching pollution the world knows is sin. Sin in the life makes for rot and decay. Sin in the mind fills that mind with filth and smudge. Sin in the inner heart pollutes the powers of intellect, emotion, and will, and reaches out into all of the life as a poisoned spring in the hills would pour its death-laden water to the villages in the valleys.

Just as pollution of the moral and spiritual life is the greatest blight upon the human race, just so the cleansing of the moral and spiritual life and the subsequent life of holiness is the greatest blessing man can know. That is why Paul pointed the way, that if we are to be examples of the believers, we must be pure. Purity is the hallmark of the Christian. Without it we are not fully Christian; with it we have the best that God can give to His redeemed children.

Servicemen's Corner



Chaplain Samuel R. Graves, Jr., writes the following report from France:

"January has been a month of activity, trials, and blessings. We organized the two lay groups, Protestant men and women of the chapel, this month, and I believe they will be sources of benefit and blessing, especially where Sunday-school, vacation Bible school, and youth activities are concerned. We have good leaders for each group.

"I praise the Lord that He gives victory and blessing, and is always faithful. Two incidents of definite victory shine as bright spots in a month that had its share of disappointments and discouragements. One came as a 'shouting letter' from my assistant, who wrote me a treasured testimony from a religious retreat, that he had found the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and that he had an inner peace he had long sought.

"The other came when an avowed atheist told me with tears streaming down his cheek, 'Chaplain, you've helped me.' We had talked and prayed and read scripture for the better part of three hours, and I know he was brought face to face with Jesus of Nazareth and made at least a strong step towards Him. I believe the answer is on the way!"

"I am to be discharged in the next couple weeks and do want to thank you for the help that I have received through reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS; and assure you that the Lord has used it to draw me closer in my walk with Him. I found the Lord eleven months ago in a personal Christian experience because of the life of one man here in the barracks. He loved the Lord enough to witness for Him, to live for Him, and to invite others to that same full salvation that he knew in his life. He let his life count for Christ, and by so doing had an effect on me as well as others here. He invited me to church, then personally took me, prayed with and for me at the altar, and helped me get my feet down spiritually. I praise the Lord for His saving and sanctifying power and especially for the grace to live for Him.—LARRY WEBB."

Word has been received from a pastor that one of our servicemen overseas is backslidden, very despondent and discouraged, and requests prayer.

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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

During the celebration of the Passover feast with His disciples (John 13:18-30), Jesus disclosed that one of them should betray Him. John was next to Jesus and leaning on His breast. Peter, who was perhaps on the other side of the Master, asked John to inquire of the Master who it was that would betray Him. "Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon." Then shortly afterwards, Jesus said to Judas, "That thou doest, do quickly." Now what I want to know is this: Why didn't those at the table all understand what Jesus had in mind when He said, "That thou doest, do quickly"? That they didn't know is implied by verses 28 and 29.

Most commentators answer this question by saying that Jesus whispered His answer—"He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it"—to John, or at least said it so that the others around the table did not hear Him. They saw Jesus give the sop to Judas,

but they had not heard the words of Jesus which connected this act with the one who should betray Him. Then when Jesus said to Judas, "That thou doest, do quickly," they did not connect these words with the betrayal of Jesus.

Will you please give the arguments for the crisis-nature of entire sanctification?

John Wesley used two: First, it comes by faith and not by works, and therefore must be instantaneous. He argued that if we had to work it out it would take time; but if it is a gift of God as we believe Him for it, it must come in an instant. Wesley's other argument was from experience. Those he met who testified to the blessing declared that they got it by faith. I mention Wesley here because he holds a key position as to the doctrine of entire sanctification as Luther does as to justification. Other arguments are as follows: Pentecost is identified with entire sanctification, and it came suddenly. Again, the carnal mind is a unit, and if it is eradicated, it must be done all at once, and not by piecemeal. There are many commands and exhortations in the Bible which imply that the Christian is to get this blessing and get it at once. Also, entire sanctification is needed now. Since this is the case, we ought not to have to wait for it a second after we have met the conditions. Daniel Steele and many of the earlier leaders in the holiness movement in the United States

had much to say about the aorist tense in the Greek, which they called the "lightning tense." The word sanctify as it appears in the New Testament is often found in this tense. I am not so sure that this argument has the importance that it was once thought to have, but there is one thing which we should remember about it. If the New Testament writers had wanted to emphasize the fact that this experience is something we grow into, they could have used the imperfect tense more often. There are also certain symbols of the blessing of entire sanctification, such as crossing Jordan, the circumcision of the heart, the crucifixion of the old man of sin, and others which point to an act rather than something which gradually develops. Further, God sanctifies directly, and whatever He does directly without the help of secondary causes is a miracle and an act which does not take time. Finally there are just as many arguments for the instantaneousness of entire sanctification as for the fact that the new birth is a crisis.

A young preacher is called to preach, but backslides soon after. Years later he is reclaimed. Does his call to preach still stand?

There is a difference of opinion about this among good people. However, I would be inclined to say that it depends on the conditions when he is

reclaimed. He may have to fall back on God's second best on account of age, health, family conditions, or something else.

What does the Church of the Nazarene believe about the "Brotherhood of Man" and the "Fatherhood of God"?

These two statements have had bad uses. Some have held that we are all born children of God, or without sin. In other words, we are all sons of God by our natural birth, we don't belong to a fallen race, and do not need to be

born again. In that sense, our church does not believe in the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. However, in the sense that we were all created by God, we may be spoken of as His offspring.



Newark, Ohio—Our recent meeting was the best First Church has had in some time. Evangelist F. B. Whitaker is a good holiness preacher, carries a real soul burden, and gets results at the altar. God honored His Word and gave us some very good altar services. Rev. D. E. Clay, pastor of the Wilson Avenue Church in Columbus, was the song evangelist. We greatly appreciated the splendid work of these good men. The pastor and wife were given a nice love offering and a vacation trip to California to see their two youngest sons. We have a fine people here, and I am enjoying my work with them.—C. B. Clendenen, Pastor.

Evangelist Haven Goodall writes: "We are enjoying working in God's great harvest field. With the help of the Lord and some godly pastors, we have been able to gather a goodly number of souls into the fold of God's kingdom. We will be in New York the last of May and would be glad to slate some time with our churches there, or in some neighboring state, one date in June and one in July; also I have some open dates for the fall. Wife and I travel with house trailer; we sing together. Wife gives Scene-o-felt pictures with lights—these have proved to be a blessing in the services. We will go anywhere for freewill offerings. Write us, 6850 West 115th Street, Worth, Illinois."

Evangelist A. K. Jones writes: "Because of a cancellation and a mix-up in dates, I have April 3 to 15 open. I will be closing a meeting in Illinois on April 1, and be in Idaho the last of April, so would like to slate this open time in the Midwest, but will go anywhere I may be called. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Ironton, Ohio—God has wonderfully blessed the Elm Street Church; we have had a steady increase in Sunday-school attendance, and many new people have been contacted. In January we had an outstanding revival with Evangelist Dwight F. Steininger. At the close of the meeting, seven new members were added to the church, representing five new families. Our people have a vision to reach the lost, finances are good, and some of the new people have seen the light on tithing. We are now building a new parsonage and plan to use the old one for much-needed Sunday-school rooms. Rev. Kenneth Coil came as our pastor about three years ago, and we thank God for such a godly and sacrificial man.—Reporter.

Rev. Troy C. Potts writes: "I have now resigned as pastor of our Portland Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and am re-entering the evangelistic field. I have some open dates in October and November of this year, and most of '57. I will be glad to go anywhere. Write me, 808 N. Asbury, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Dover, Ohio—Recently our church closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Lawrence Walker and wife. The attendance was good and God blessed with thirty-six seekers at the altar, and a good class of members added to the church. The young people were especially helped, and two weeks later they obtained a building out of town and began a revival of their own; doing their own preaching, singing, and praying, they witnessed a real Pentecost with seventeen seekers at the altar. We are thankful for the privilege of serving this consecrated people, and also for the Spirit of the Lord in our midst.—CARL G. MCGREW, Pastor.

Natchez, Mississippi—This church recently closed one of the most profitable revival meetings in its four-year history, with Evangelist E. J. Miller. His expositions of the Word of God thrilled the congregation night after night, and the doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene were made plain. It was a real spiritual feast. We have been challenged to go forward for God and the church in the Crusade for Souls program. Our people are greatly encouraged, and are now laboring diligently to complete our building.—M. C. Garrison, Pastor.



by BERTHA MUNRO

"So Short a Time" (Psalms 90)

Monday:

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;

One short sleep past, we wake eternally:
And death shall be no more; death, thou shalt die.—DONNE.

And we shall live. Forever is a long time to be planning for.

Tuesday:

I saw Eternity the other night
Like a great ring of pure and endless light,

All calm as it was bright:
And round beneath it, Time, in hours,
days, years,

Like a vast shadow moved.
Lover, statesman, miser, pleasure-seeker, all were hurled along in the darkness, clinging each to his "treasure." Just a few "soared up into the ring." But most would use no wing.—VAUGHAN.

Wednesday:

At my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near.
—MARVELL.

Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore,
So do our minutes hasten to their end.

—SHAKESPEARE.

Thursday:

Poor soul, the center of my sinful earth, . . .

Why so large cost, having so short a time,

Dost thou upon thy fading mansion spend?—SHAKESPEARE.

Friday:

Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure: . . .

He fixed thee mid this dance
Of plastic circumstance:

Machinery just meant

To give thy soul its bent,

Try thee and turn thee forth, sufficiently impressed.

Look not thou down but up,

To uses of a cup!

The new wine's foaming flow,

The Master's lips a-glow!

My times be in Thy hand!

Perfect the cup as planned!

—BROWNING.

Saturday:

All we know
Of what the blessed do above
Is, that they sing, and that they love.—DAVENANT

We could make worse use of our brief span of life than to practice both.

Sunday:

But be it soon or late, or swift or slow,
All is, if I have grace to use it so,
As ever in my great Taskmaster's eye.

—MILTON.

Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust.

—ISAAH.

The Fairfax Church was organized about twenty years ago with Rev. George Galloway as the first pastor. A basement church was constructed and used until the new church was built in 1954, and dedicated on April 10, 1955, with Dr. W. E. Albee giving the dedicatory address. We have a fine location in a growing community. The building is 36 x 60 feet, of red wire-cut brick, oak floors and furniture with birch finish, and indirect lighting. We have a full basement with six Sunday-school rooms, and a large assembly room that can be divided into classrooms as need may arise. The building was built for \$23,000.00, including the furniture—the pastor and people doing much of the work. We had a fine contractor, who made it possible for donated labor to cut the cost of building. The valuation is \$35,000.00 with an \$8,000.00 mortgage. Finances are good, and the church is making gains in all departments.—ALBERT J. SHEA, *Pastor*.

FAIRFAX CHURCH, CINCINNATI, OHIO



Peru, Indiana—On February 12 our church closed a wonderful Youth Week revival, with our pastor, Rev. Russell Shalley, doing the preaching. Souls responded to his stirring messages of truth, God blessed, and many received help at the altar of prayer. Betty Retrick and Margaret Kellogg won their way into the hearts of the people with their singing and music, which was blessed of God. We give God praise for all that was accomplished.—Thelma Yeatts, *Secretary*.

Uhrichsville, Ohio—In February, Rush Church witnessed a revival of the first magnitude. Evangelists Paul and Hallie Smith were especially used of God in this meeting. During the eight days, God gave 85 seekers, about 25 new members for the church, as many as 44 at the morning prayer meetings, an average nightly attendance of 150, with no attendance under 100, and 284 in Sunday school. There were several outstanding testimonies to definite healing, and several large, spontaneous pledges for additional Sunday-school facilities. Brother Smith raised a nice love offering for the pastor, so he might attend the General Assembly. Our branch Sunday school is now averaging 40 in its own building, and soon District Superintendent Taylor hopes to organize it into Canaan Hill Church of the Nazarene.—MELVIN H. SHOEMAKER, *Pastor*.

West Branch, Michigan—Recently our church had a very successful revival sponsored by our young people, with Rev. Donald Silvernail as the evangelist. Brother Silvernail preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit; and as a result of his soul-stirring messages, sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. We appreciated Brother Silvernail's humble spirit and his ministry was a great blessing. Two new members were added to the church.—John Cole, *Pastor*.

Masontown, West Virginia—In February we had a fine youth revival with Rev. R. M. Banning as the evangelist. A goodly number of souls prayed through to definite victory at the altar of prayer. Brother Banning is a fine youth worker, and both old and young people enjoyed his ministry. Our young people's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Maxine Williams, did fine work in providing the special music and singing for the meeting. We have a fine choir of young people for a small church. Since we came here to pastor in 1955, God has helped us to reduce the indebtedness one thousand dollars. We give Him praise for His blessings.—A. L. LEPLEY, *Pastor*.

Pomona, California—The Lamont Church recently concluded one of the best revival meetings of its history with Evangelist Thomas Hayes. He is a man of prayer, and works under the guidance of the Spirit. Brother Hayes encouraged the people to fast and pray. God blessed, the people were encouraged, and many precious souls received help; also some were healed. A generous love offering was given to the pastor.—Frank L. Dabney, *Pastor*.

East Brewton, Alabama—The fire continues to burn on the altar at our church; people are seeking God and new folks being saved. The youth revival in January was one of the most gracious in the church's history. This came as the direct result of the prayers of our faithful people, and the splendid ministry of Rev. Elbert Watson. The church was stirred and strengthened, and the revival spirit continues. We appreciate the vision and spirit of our pastor, Rev. Hiram P. Huff, and his family. Brother Huff is a forceful preacher of scriptural holiness and has a passion for souls. There has been a steady gain in all phases of the work since they came to us in July of '55. A fine class of twenty-one members has been added to the church.—MRS. SHIRLEY L. VICKERY, *Reporter*.

Stockton, California—First Church was greatly blessed by a good revival meeting during February. The splendid preaching and singing of Evangelists Kenneth and Lily Wells were greatly appreciated by our people. A large number of young people responded to the challenging messages, and several times the altar was filled to overflowing. We praise God for such times of spiritual refreshing. These are good days in the work of the Lord at Stockton First Church.—Floyd W. Hawkins, *Pastor*.

Evangelists J. H. and Maggie Crawford report: "The year of 1955 was a very gracious and fruitful one, closing out our twentieth consecutive year in the field of evangelism. We labored on eleven different districts, and enjoyed wonderful fellowship and co-operation with our pastors and people. We saw hundreds of souls find the Lord in pardoning and sanctifying grace, the saints edified, many new people reached by our system of visitation, and numbers of new members added to the church. Our first revival for the new year was at Concord, California, with Pastor James Shaw. They have purchased fine property for their new church, and a beautiful six-room parsonage. We had a fine revival with eighty seekers, and twenty-two professions in the last service. At this writing we are in a meeting at Madera, with Pastor P. H. Hampsten. We have some open dates during the year; write us at our home address, Springdale, Arkansas."

Peoria, Illinois—North Side Church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist H. H. Hooker, who is a good old-fashioned preacher. In spite of an epidemic of the flu, much good was accomplished. One week prior to the meeting, our group held a season of prayer and fasting, which we feel was a great factor in the salvation of those reached for God. The Lord is helping us here at North Side in every way.—J. Russell Gravvat, *Pastor*.

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Franklin, Pennsylvania—Our church has had another fine revival with Rev. Tobe Mackey "and the Mrs." as the special workers. His Spirit-anointed messages and his compassionate spirit won the hearts of the people. Many people attended our services for the first time and found help for their souls. Brother Mackey is a preacher of the Word, and we greatly appreciated his work with us.—E. W. Morford, Pastor.

Gresham, Oregon—Coming to this church late last August, we found a wonderful group of people who loved God and each other; thirty-five members. Since that time we have had thirty-nine seekers at the altar, and three have been saved or sanctified in their homes. February 12 was an outstanding day—thirteen seekers in the morning service, without any preaching; nine were baptized Sunday afternoon at Portland First Church, and in the evening service a fine class of eight new members was received. We have received twelve members, nine by profession of faith. Recently thirteen Christian Service Training credits were earned in a school held in one of the Portland churches. Truly, God has been good to us and we give Him praise. The pastor has been given a unanimous three-year recall. God is manifestly present in our services, with a beautiful spirit of unity prevailing.—ALFRED SUL-LIVAN, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We will be closing a meeting in Urbana, Illinois, on May 6; then have an open date, May 9 to 20; would be glad to slate this time anywhere in the Midwest. Also we have an open date, July 18 to 29. If you need our services as preacher and singers, write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelists Loren and Lorane Gould write: "We had a good fall slate on the Virginia District, holding five meetings with Pastors E. M. Fox at Staunton, H. S. Mills at Victoria, J. V. Roberts at Norfolk, V. E. Potts at Loudoun Valley, and A. T. Britt at Pulaski. Also we were in a one-week, home-mission tour with District Superintendent V. W. Littrell. Since January 1 we have been on the Houston District, with Pastors Donald Baxter at Port Acres, Mrs. Jewel Stewart at Newton, Delford Sloan at El Campo, and T. N. Watkins at Bay City. The Lord has been gracious in giving us a good slate and letting us see many souls saved and sanctified. We have one open date this spring, May 16 to 27, which we'd like to slate between Arlington, Virginia, and Effingham, Illinois. Write us, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Princeton, West Virginia—Our church has been moving forward for God at a good pace. We had a very good youth revival the first week in February, with Rev. Bill Richardson as the evangelist. As a result of his soul-stirring messages to our youth, several sought God at the altar for pardon and heart purity. Since the revival we have remodeled the inside of the church auditorium, also made improvements in the Sunday-school rooms. We are serving a wonderful group of people who love God and the church.—Vane M. Anderson, Pastor.

Evangelist George H. Talbert writes: "Last November 1, while on a train en route to Kankakee, Illinois, for a meeting, I was stricken with a colonic spasm of the nerves. For three months the condition grew worse and I suffered much, spending most of the time in the hospital or at home in bed. Doctors advised me to make an abrupt change in my work; as of today (March 10) my condition is somewhat improved and I am thankful. I have canceled all my spring slate, but not the fall, trusting God for renewed strength. I appreciate the prayers, letters, and cards from my friends; and ask a continued interest in your prayers, that I may have a complete recovery, so as to continue my service in the Kingdom."

Logan, West Virginia—Coming to this church last November, we found a wonderful group of people who wanted to see the work go forward. Recently we closed an outstanding revival with Evangelist J. S. Brannon. We feel that God came in a special way as the result of much prayer and old-time preaching. The church was wonderfully helped in every way, and many souls found God.—Robert E. Salser, Pastor.

Kittanning, Pennsylvania—On Sunday, February 19, we closed a seven-week revival with Evangelist Clarence "Tiz" Jones. God came in a remarkable way, and 343 seekers prayed through at the altar and many others in their homes; 61 members were added to the church. Several people were healed instantaneously during this meeting. We appreciated the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Jones, and he was given a call to return in '58. Finances came easily, and a fine love offering was received for the pastor's wife. The church has given us a unanimous three-year call, with a \$25.00-per-week increase in salary. This week we are inaugurating plans for concerted visitation within a ten-mile radius of the church. Plans are also being made to complete the building of our new church.—L. B. BALTZ, Pastor.

Chester, Pennsylvania—We are glad to have Pastor Charles E. Holloway and wife home again after a vacation. During the pastor's absence we enjoyed the ministry of Brother Lord and Brother Burke. Recently we enjoyed a good service with Missionary Jack Armstrong, who, with his family, is leaving soon for Uruguay. Brother Armstrong brought a most inspirational message. Due to the good work of our Sunday-school superintendent and teachers, the Sunday-school attendance is increasing. We thank God for His blessings upon the church.—Wendell Basner, Reporter.

Rev. Loran Strahm writes: "On last August 12, Mrs. Strahm and I rented a small, four-room house at 1534 Frank Road in Columbus, Ohio, conducting our first services on August 21, with 38 in Sunday school, and 55 present for the evening service. On September 30, District Superintendent H. S. Galloway organized the Frank Road Church of the Nazarene with 30 charter members. A plot of ground (1 2/3 acres) large enough for a church, parsonage, and parking was contracted for, and we are now in the process of building a parsonage-chapel which will seat about 200 people. In six months we have had 52 seekers at the altar, now have 40 members, and the record Sunday-school attendance is 81. The church has been built entirely on faith; the district gave us the first month's rent of \$65.00, and pledged \$100.00 on the lot; other than that we have had no help. We have a praying, tithing people, and God blesses us with His presence in the services."

Evangelistic Singers Ray and Bobbie Johnson report: "In February we were in one of the greatest revivals we've ever seen. It was with Pastor Dee Henderson at Alexandria, Indiana. The pastor did the preaching with the special anointing of God, and the Lord manifested His presence in the services in a definite way. Many nights there was no preaching, and many souls prayed through to God. The meeting was extended into the third week. Please pray for us as we continue to witness for the Lord in song."

Loveland, Colorado—In February our church had one of the best youth revivals during our ministry here. The services were well attended by the teen-agers of the church, with about twenty-three of them singing in the choir each evening. Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Snellenberger did a wonderful work with our young people, and the meeting closed with eleven seekers praying through at the altar. There was much rejoicing as some of these prayed through for the first time in their lives. We give God praise for His blessings.—Bert Edwards, Jr., Pastor.

The opening service for the church in Pond Creek, Oklahoma, was held October 31, 1954, with 16 people in Sunday school—our record attendance is now 101 on February 12 of this year. Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Stegall were appointed as pastors by District Superintendent J. T. Gassett. This "baby" church of the district is healthy and growing, with good gains in all departments. We have a well-organized Sunday school, N.F.M.S., N.Y.P.S., and Junior Society. In our recent revival, Evangelist Dave Hall was at his best, and souls were saved and sanctified, good crowds attended the services, and the church was helped. We have installed pews, new oak floor, and completed the interior decorating of the Sunday-school rooms and sanctuary. We thank God for His blessings.—Reporter.

Moline, Illinois—In February, Community Church had the best revival of its seven-year history. The Lord used Evangelist W. M. Tidwell in an unusual way. His faithful and Spirit-anointed preaching resulted in a good number of new people praying through at the altar. Crowds were the largest we have had in any revival. The spiritual condition of the church is good, and finances are on the increase. Recently the church gave us our third unanimous three-year recall. We praise God for His blessings, and for this gracious outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon our people.—Harold Mongerson, Pastor.

Sunday-School Evangelist R. J. Kunze reports: "Recently I returned from meetings in New England and New York. We had a fine meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts, where the Bradleys are doing a good work. At Fitchburg, Massachusetts, besides many spiritual victories, old Sunday-school records of years' standing were broken. A fine visitation band was organized. In Skowhegan, Maine, we found Pastor Josh Wagner and wife, Ruth, were keeping things humming. At Richmond Hill, New York, we had the privilege of working with some old friends from California, T. J. and Jean Crawford; this church is composed of many second- and third-generation Nazarenes. We had one of our best meetings here. At Leeds, Maine, we found Howard and Mary Albright (son and daughter-in-law of our New England district superintendent) making some progress in building this home-mission church. We also preached at Keene and Derry, New Hampshire."

Evangelists Everett and Irene Kimball report: "In recent months, God has given us great days of revival and victory as we have worked with some of our finest pastors and people—at Crown Point, Indiana, Independence Hill Church with O. A. Shrout; Buffalo Lake, Minnesota, with R. J. Kisse; Wilmington, Ohio, with R. W. Beegle; Butler, Indiana, with James Tucker; Marine City with Kenneth L. Roland, in Eaton Rapids for one day, and in First Church, Owosso, Michigan; then to La Porte, Indiana, with Kenneth Burton; at Hillsdale, Michigan, with Harold Potter; and to St. David, Illinois, with Donald Turner for a Youth Week meeting. At this writing we are in a meeting in London, Ohio, with C. H. Roberts. We thank God for His blessings, for the number of souls seeking Him for pardon and heart purity, and for new members added to the church. We carry the full program of preaching, lead the singing, sing specials, and have Hammond electric organ, accordion, etc. Write us, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Colorado District Church Schools Convention & Preachers' Meeting

The Colorado District church schools convention and preachers' meeting was held at First Church in Pueblo, March 6 to 8, under the competent leadership of District Superintendent O. J. Finch. Assuredly, it was one of the best. Rev. Kenneth S. Rice, director of Christian Service Training, and one of our own Colorado young men, was the special speaker for the church schools convention on Tuesday. He presented this phase of the work in an unusually interesting and helpful manner. The absence, due to illness, of District Church Schools Chairman J. B. Miller was deeply regretted.

The district preachers' meeting opened Wednesday morning with a truly blessed communion service, at which Dr. O. J. Finch guided our thoughts in a heart-searching and deeply moving meditation. The papers, other messages, and special songs were of a high order.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, special worker for the convention, was mightily used of the Spirit to bring instruction, inspiration, and blessing to those who waited on his ministry. A strong sense of the Divine Presence, a remarkable feeling of fellowship, and a high tide of spiritual enthusiasm characterized the convention throughout.

Mrs. Dell Aycock found it impossible to be present, as planned, to address the ladies of the parsonage. Rev. Carlton Ponsford ably represented the interests of Pasadena College. The presence of a number of visiting pastors and evangelists was much appreciated.

Rev. Thomas N. Hermon, entertaining pastor, and his good people, cared for the needs of their guests in a splendid way. Pastors of the Colorado District, each of whom was present or accounted for, returned to their respective fields of labor with a vastly increased sense of direction and holy purpose following the Thursday morning meeting.—C. K. HELSER, Reporter.

Evangelist Fred Thomas reports: "These are the busiest and some of the best days I ever have known in the ministry of evangelism. The God of revivals still lives! I have received more invitations for this summer than I can accept, but because of a conflict of dates, I have an open date in my camp-meeting slate just after the General Assembly. I can give two weeks between June 27 to July 15, and would be glad to hear from any church or camp or district that might want a home-mission campaign. Write me, 2201 Morehouse Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana."

Minnesota District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting of the Minnesota District was held at the Russell Avenue Church in Minneapolis, with Dr. and Mrs. John E. Riley as the guest speakers. Dr. and Mrs. Riley endeared themselves to our district as they ministered to us from hearts of love and understanding.

The "Forum" was a new and profitable feature of the program each morning and afternoon. The pastors' wives met with Mrs. Riley and the pastors met with appointed moderators to discuss subjects of interest. These carefully guided periods of group thinking and discussion were extremely helpful.

The fellowship was enriched as we gathered on two occasions for a meal together. One of the meals was a smorgasbord prepared in honor of our guests, which gave to the Rileys the warmth of the Minnesota *Valkommen*. At this time gifts were presented to Mrs. Riley in appreciation for her special contribution to the preachers' meeting, and to Mrs. Stevens, to express our love to our "first lady" of the district.

The high point of the meeting came when, following the final message, we shared in an impressive communion service. God was greatly present in that hour and our hearts were blessed as we met at the Lord's table.

It was the general feeling of the pastors that this was one of the very best preachers' meetings ever attended. We all thank God for our devoted district superintendent, Rev. Roy F. Stevens. With his prayerful and efficient guidance, the Minnesota District is on the move, and we believe faces the brightest day of its history.—WALTER M. HUBBARD, Reporter.

Newport, Tennessee—Last August, Rev. R. C. Stinnett came to pastor First Church. He is a wonderful man of God and spends much time in prayer. Since his coming the church has continued to grow, and nine new members have been received. We had two good revivals, with Evangelist Bob Rutherford, and a recent one-week meeting with Rev. Loy Snow. Both these men were used of God, and souls were saved and believers sanctified. In the recent meeting we were privileged to have the Spiritualaires quartet from Trevecca College with us; they were a great blessing. Our people are encouraged to go forward.—Mrs. R. J. Wheeler, Reporter.

Nampa, Idaho—The North Nampa Church recently closed one of the best revivals during our three years here; this seems to be the feeling of most of the people of the church. Over one hundred people sought God during the meeting. Rev. J. Russell Brown was the good evangelist; he is a loyal Nazarene and a great booster for the church. Professor and Mrs. John Eby were in charge of the music. Professor Eby is minister of music for our local church, and is doing a good job. God is giving us wonderful services and we are thankful for His blessings. Our previous revivals have been good ones, with men like Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, Evangelists C. T. Corbett, Jack Hamilton, and others. We do appreciate these fine men of God.—CARL L. WOOTEN, *Pastor*.

Rev. H. C. Emmert writes: "In the fifteen months I was in the field of evangelism, God gave us many wonderful victories. I was privileged to see 500 seekers at the altar of prayer, and conducted 25 revival meetings on 11 different districts. I am grateful for the faithfulness of the good pastors and people where I have labored. I have now canceled all my slate to accept the work of our church at Frederick, Oklahoma. I thank God for the privilege of preaching the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, and am determined by His grace to do my best to win lost souls."

Peoria, Illinois—It is hard to describe the Pentecostal revival fires which have been burning at First Church now for over two months. On Sunday, December 4, while we were in a meeting with Rev. B. K. Beaty, the blessed Holy Ghost came upon the church in mighty power; since then it has been a continuous revival, with many unusual services. In our "indoor camp" with Rev. Elbert Dodd, January 3 to 8, time and again the Spirit came upon the services, with sinners saved and believers sanctified. Again in the youth revival, February 7 to 12, with Rev. R. C. Boynton, the Holy Ghost came and wrought miracles in the salvation of souls—some men saved for the first time. Many problems have been settled, our young people are on fire for God, and the people have a burden for the lost. As pastor, I have been connected with the holiness movement for over forty years, and I've never seen such a revival with the entire church on fire for the Lord. We humbly praise God for His wonderful blessings.—C. E. FLESHMAN, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Donald R. Silvernail reports: "Recently we had an old-fashioned revival at West Branch, Michigan, with Pastor John Cole and people. Night after night God came in blessing and power, giving seekers and happy finders in almost every service. The closing time of the meeting was extended and God honored with more souls, and a climaxing service in which it seemed Pentecost was repeated in our midst. I have an open date, April 10 to 22, which I'll be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Write me, Nazarene Assembly Park, Vicksburg, Michigan."

On Sunday, October 16, 1955, the Morrow church (Ohio) began a branch Sunday school at South Lebanon, Ohio, with Rev. H. L. Oney as pastor. Good attendance and the Lord's blessings have given a wonderful start there. We have a nice new block building and finances are coming in well. We have had an average of forty-six, and several souls seeking God. Recently we closed our youth revival at the Morrow church with forty-seven seekers, and many helped and lifted among the church members. Last December 28 we started a radio broadcast, and it has been well received. Pray much for the new Sunday school, as it is a new development of GI homes and in a needy field.—Donna M. Walsh, Secretary.



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Evangelist A. K. Jones reports: "For six months last year, during the serious illness of Mrs. Jones from a heart attack, I was forced to cancel all my engagements and return to Danville. We are now living with our oldest son, and Mrs. Jones has improved in health; we thank all those who prayed for her. Since January 1, I have conducted services in Edcouch and Sweetwater, Texas; also in Durand, Michigan, and Chicago Heights, Illinois. God has been blessing and giving souls. In our last revival at Chicago Heights, God met with us in a special way with some outstanding cases of salvation. Don Hasselbring of our Olivet College was co-worker, and his music and singing were much appreciated. We give God praise for His help along every line, and at this writing are in the beginning of a meeting in Rensselaer, Indiana. I'll be glad to go anywhere as the Lord may lead. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

A growing concern among church leaders of the Greater St. Louis-East St. Louis metropolitan area for a greater emphasis upon religious expression among our youth has given impetus to what we call the Metropolitan Nazarene Youth Rally. At this writing, three such rallies have been held, the first in St. Louis First Church in December, the second at Wellston Church, and the third at Alorton Church in East St. Louis, Illinois. Good attendance was enjoyed at each. Professor James Cook is executive director and Rev. Gerald Green is chairman of the board. All Nazarene churches in the two zones (St. Louis and East St. Louis) are participating, totaling twenty-seven co-operating churches. Young people are being saved and sanctified in these meetings. At the February meeting, more than sixty young people, between the ages of twelve and twenty-five years, presented themselves in consecration at the close of the service. An estimated one thousand people have attended the rallies thus far. The plan is to conduct the rallies the first Saturday of each month, at 7:30 p.m.; two rallies in the city of St. Louis and a third in Illinois. Special speakers, large youth choir, and special talent features among our youth are scheduled. Pray for this needy activity.—D. J. ZIMMERLEE, *Chairman of Publicity*.

Amelia, Ohio—Recently we had a glorious youth revival with Miss Wanda Becker as the evangelist, and the Gospel Light Trio as special singers. There were 108 seekers at the altar with most of them praying through to definite victory. Also, we broke our Sunday-school record, with 91 present on the closing Sunday. This church is two years old and God has given us a wonderful group of people. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Miss Becker with us, also the work of the Gospel Light Trio. Plans are now under way to start a new building this spring.—Leonard Daws, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Thirty-five churches were represented on our Kentucky District Sunday-school tour. We traveled with the district chairman, Rev. A. J. Frank, of First Church, Louisville. He is a Christian gentleman, Sunday-school minded, and a hard worker. The district has more than four thousand in Sunday school, and Superintendent D. D. Lewis keeps up agitation, visitation, and Sunday-school emphasis. The pastors were co-operative, and more than one hundred pledged to do visitation work each week; more than fifty pledged to offer themselves as teachers for building new classes. Money was freely given to support the Sunday-school board in their program. Following this, we saw 506 present on Sunday morning in our convention with Edgemont Church, Dayton, Ohio. Pastor R. E. Stone and family have served this church fifteen years and are loved by their people. It was an unusual sight, Sunday morning, when fifty teen-age boys and girls, and their parents, were at the altar seeking Christ."

Evangelists William and June Schmidt write: "We are now in our second year in full-time evangelistic work. The Lord has given us good revivals with over five hundred seekers. Recently we closed a three-week revival with our Beulah church on the Eastern Michigan District, with Pastor Roy Eastman. It was a most fruitful meeting as to both attendance and seekers, with people seeking God in every service of the last week. We have open time after November 18. We carry the program of preaching, singing, and Scene-of-felt pictures. Write us, Box 331, Vicksburg, Michigan."

Evangelist Cloyce Elsea and wife report: "God has been giving us some of the best revivals we have witnessed for a long time. Souls have prayed through for pardon, believers have been sanctified, and several have been completely healed. We are now making up our slate for the fall of '56 and spring of '57, and have a few open dates for this spring. We carry the full program of preaching, sing solos, and use the Scene-of-felt pictures. On May 6 we will be closing a meeting in Waterford, Ohio; then have two open dates immediately following. Write us, P.O. Box 18, Van Buren, Ohio."

DEATHS

REV. JOHN D. SEAL

John Daniel Seal was born July 5, 1886, at Weatherford, Texas, and died January 11, 1956, while visiting in the home of his son, John R., of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was converted in 1899, later called to the ministry, was blessedly sanctified, and united with the Church of the Nazarene in Henryetta in 1914. In 1917 he was united in marriage to Miss Eva Reed. To this union were born two sons and a daughter. While Brother Seal taught in state colleges and public schools to support his family, he served the pastorates of struggling Nazarene churches without salary to enable them to buy, build, or eliminate church debts. This missionary type of service characterized his whole life. His ministry included five years as chaplain of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and superintendent of the prison schools. For thirty-nine years he had been an ordained elder of the Church of the Nazarene in the Southeast Oklahoma District. He is survived by his wife, Eva E. Seal; a daughter, Mrs. Howard Hicks; and two sons, Allen and John R.; also four sisters and one brother.

REV. JOHN WESLEY WRIGHT

John Wesley Wright, elder on the Northwest District and member of the Aldersgate (formerly Eastside) Church of the Nazarene, Walla Walla, Washington, died January 15, 1956. He was born in Ontario, Canada, January 30, 1882, and married on August 17, 1910, to Retha Ann Rimbey. He served as a missionary to the Indians in northern Canada for several years, was ordained in the Methodist church in 1913, and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1915. He held several pastorates in the States and in Canada, and was an evangelist for many years, conducting meetings in Canada and in forty of the states. He is survived by his wife, Retha Ann, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. V. E. Lane, Mrs. E. Gorsky, and Mrs. L. Amoy; two sons, George and Everett; also a brother and two sisters. Funeral service was held at Walla Walla First Church, with Rev. Harvey Petersen officiating, assisted by Rev. C. L. Rodda; interment was in the Walla Walla cemetery.

REV. A. B. JOHNSON

A. B. Johnson, age seventy-two years, died at his home in Lomax, Illinois, on December 28, 1955; he had been in failing health for some time. He served as pastor of the Lomax Church of the Nazarene from 1928 to 1933, at Mahomet from 1935 to 1947, and also at Whiting. Due to ill health he retired from the ministry in 1947, after having served the church for twenty-five years. He was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, February 16, 1883. In 1901 he was married to Goldie Hodgins; she is deceased. To this union were born three sons. In 1911 he was married to Lovella Maude Hiatt. She survives, and also the three sons, Cal, Everett and Ernest; also two sisters and two brothers. Funeral service was held at the Lomax church with Rev. J. V. Morsch, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. M. D. Golsborough; then the body was taken to Mahomet for a second service in the church, with Rev. Reine Noland, officiating, assisted by Rev. Homer Burton. Burial was in the Mahomet cemetery.

REV. G. C. HESSON

Garland County Hesson was born September 4, 1883, in Trousdale County, near Dickson Springs, Tennessee, and died December 24, 1955. In 1909 he was married to Geneva Odell Thompson. To this union were born eight children. He was converted in 1895, backslid; reclaimed in 1909 and sanctified, and lived a consistent Christian life from that date. He was called to preach, and served as assistant pastor at Monoville; pastor at Dukes Chapel, for the Dickson and Humphreys County Circuit (Oak Grove, Jason Chapel, Pine Hill, Dickson, and Mount Olive), for the Smith County Circuit (Gordonsville, Car-

thage, and Stonewall), then the West Tennessee and West Kentucky Circuit (Locust Grove, and New Liberty, Kentucky; Martin and Zion, Tennessee); also at Gordonsville, Carthage, Lebanon, and Dales Chapel. During that time he preached in seventy different revival meetings and assisted in many others. He saw several hundred people pray through to God. He is survived by four sons, Ossian Olaf, Aram Asa, Paul Phineas, Andrew Carthal; four daughters, Mrs. Cecil Fuller, Mrs. Bernice Glover, Miss Oliver Ruth Hesson, and Mrs. Herschel Waller; also one brother, and three sisters. Memorial services were conducted in Lebanon, Tennessee, by his district superintendent, Rev. D. K. Wachtel, assisted by Rev. L. H. Roebuck and Rev. Dennis Mangrum.

REV. E. D. CORNISH

Edward D. Cornish was born July 23, 1874, near Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and died January 26, 1956. While in his teens he was converted, a short time later sanctified wholly, and for a number of years taught school. He was united in marriage to Dedah Mae Burnap in 1912. Brother Cornish invested his life in the training of youth, especially in the building of Christian character. He has spiritual sons and daughters all over the nation, whom he helped to train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He taught at Asbury College, Valonia Holiness College, Central Holiness College, where he served as president for two years; at Bresee Nazarene College, at Northwest Nazarene College, and at Trevecca Nazarene College. He was ordained as an elder in 1922; he had joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1916, in Arkansas. He held pastorates in Long Beach, California; Lexington and Columbia, Kentucky; Whitewater, Kansas; and Fort Meyers, Florida. He gave a wonderful testimony as he lay in the hospital during his last illness. He is survived by his companion, and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Lillard. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Ralph Ahlemann, assisted by Rev. Joe Thacker, with interment at the Harrodsburg cemetery. He was a member of Kenwick Church in Lexington at the time of his death.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

REV. GEORGE PESTANA has been a pastor and evangelist for a number of years, and is re-entering the evangelistic field. One feature of his ministry is his illustrated sermons, for which he has remote control equipment, film, etc. He travels in a house trailer and truck. He will take short meetings or full-time campaigns. He plays several instruments. Write him, 1743 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek, California.—George Coulter, Superintendent of Northern California District.

REV. WAYNE STATES is an elder in good standing on our district, and has been serving as our pastor at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He is resigning his work there to enter the evangelistic field. Write him, 2115 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado.—W. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Southwest Oklahoma District.

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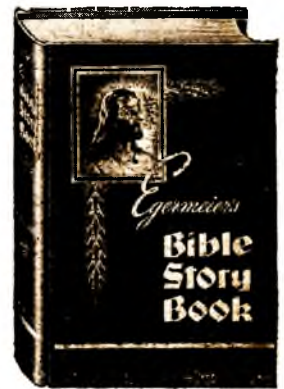
Miss Barbara Ann Zimmerman of Marion, and Mr. Lowell E. Oberlander of Dayton, Ohio, were united in marriage on March 3, at First Church of the Nazarene in Marion, with the father of the bride, Rev. Lester L. Zimmerman, officiating, assisted by Dr. H. S. Galloway, district superintendent.

Miss Phyllis Hopkins of Larned, Kansas, and Mr. Bill McCollom of the U.S. Navy, were united in marriage on February 26, in the Larned Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. W. B. McCollom, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Olin Payton.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Grady Bohannon of Norris, South Dakota, a daughter, Jo Ann, on March 7.

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